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1. Since October 1953, all drilling operations of the Soviet Oil Administration (SMV) in Austria have been conducted under the direction of the Bohrbetrieb Prottes (Prottes Drilling Unit).<sup>1</sup> Bohrbetrieb Prottes, which is headed by Nicolai Vasilovitch Korniyenko, does production drilling (Produktionsbohrungen), test drilling (Aufschlussbohrungen) and structural drilling (Strukturbohrungen). 25X1
2. A total of about 120 drill rigs are on the Bohrbetrieb inventory. They are employed in producing fields at Schoenkirchen, Bockfliess, Aderklaa, Maustrenk, Muehlberg, and Neusiedl.<sup>2</sup> About 80 percent of the wells brought in by the Bohrbetrieb are gushers; the remainder have to be pumped. It is especially at Aderklaa that pumping is necessary to bring up the oil. 25X1
3. The Bohrbetrieb has its main offices in a Prottes compound which includes six buildings and two storage areas. It is surrounded by barbed wire. There are a number of sub-units controlled by the Bohrbetrieb, including a small construction office at Schoenkirchen, an outpost at Aderklaa, pipe and drilling equipment storage areas at Dobermannsdorf and Neusiedl, and two mechanical shops in Prottes. The total number of laborers, employees, and technical personnel of the Bohrbetrieb Prottes is 1,700. 25X1
4. Action on new deep drillings in the SMV fields is initiated by a geological section in the Prottes Bohrbetrieb. The geologists make recommendations to Korniyenko, who checks with the directors of SMV producing fields (Foerderbetriebe) to get their advice on the drilling necessary to maintain production quotas and forwards his recommendations to the Geological Section in the SMV headquarters at Kantgasse 1, Vienna I. There, the recommendations are studied by the chief geologist, Belyayevsky (fnu), before being approved by the Chief Engineer of the SMV, Ruben Solomonovich Agadzhanov, for presentation to the General Director. The approval of the General Director is a formality.
5. The main Soviet assistants of Korniyenko at Bohrbetrieb Prottes are:
  - a. Povesma (fnu) - Engineer in charge of planning and safety precautions; age 33, six feet, slender build and dark hair; walks with a stoop and speaks German.

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1 [redacted] Comment. The un[redacted] roetrieb I and Bohrbetrieb II in the Prottes office was reported in [redacted] previously, there had been an administrative headquarters for the [redacted] Moellwaldplatz, Vienna IV.

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2 [redacted] Comment. The producing field formerly known as SEB Matzen is now known as SEB Schoenkirchen.

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